

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 17 and ending at line 26, as follows.

--By the way, in the above-mentioned explanation, while an example that the stack tray 700 reaching the lower limit position is directly detected by providing the lower limit sensor at the lower limit position of the ~~shutter member 702~~ stack tray 700 was explained, the present invention is not limited to such a example, but, for example, the fact that the stack tray 700 reaches the lower limit position may be detected on the basis of a sheet stacking height on the stack tray 700.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 20, line and ending at line 10, as follows.

--Since the position of the stack tray 700 can be detected by detecting the sheet stacking height, when the ON time of the stacking height detecting sensor S3 reaches a predetermined time, i.e. when the sheet stacking height reaches a predetermined value, ~~the stack tray 700 can detect the fact~~ can be detected that the ~~shutter member 702~~ stack tray 700 reaches the lower limit position.--